

WITTENBERG WINS AT TOPEX '67

MILWAUKEE, WISC. HOSTS ATA IN '68

Gus Wittenberg won the Grand Award at TOPEX '67, the Eighteenth Anniversary International Convention and Topical Stamp Exhibition of the American Topical Association, June 23-25, Rochester, N.Y. for his exhibit "Evolution, Trends, and Problems of Stamp Design". President's Award by Mrs. Margaret R. Hackett was garnered by Jerri Chaivoe for "Chess-Civilized Combat".

Members from Coast to Coast, Canada, South Africa and Peru, attended the three-day event, thanks to the gracious hospitality of the Rochester Philatelic Association, to the 119 sixteen page frame topical stamp exhibition in new SIPEX frames, to the full round of interesting meetings, tours, reception and awards banquet. The Mayor and the Governor both declared June 19-25 American Topical Assn. week.

New national ATA officers were elected and installed: President Fred Korotkin of Minneapolis, Minn., 1st Vice-Pres. Ashton Humiston, 2nd Vice-Pres. Henry Peterson, Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Treas. Edwin B. Glaubitz, Board members: Jerome Husak, Mrs. Margaret R. Hackett, and John Gaydos.

Catherine D. Caspary, DTP Chairman, Presented the 1967 Distinguished Topical Philatelist awards to Brother Camillus, O.S.F. and E. Willis Hainlen, M.D. for outstanding contributions over the years to topical collecting and ATA. Dr. Hainlen also received a special service award from the Medical Subjects Unit.

TOPEX '68 will be held June 21-23, 1968 hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter No. 5 of ATA, in Milwaukee, Wis. Details will be available soon from General Chairman Clarence Beltmann, 3510 N. 91st. St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53222. TOPEX '69 will be in Chicago, Illinois.

Many attractive and valuable awards were presented for the most outstanding of the 51 entries. The judges Angela Minerva, John Thomas, Capt. M. F. Stern, Donald Smith and Mrs. Dorothy Perrin granted the following

First Awards: Mrs. Dorothy Smith (Biblical Botany - also Biology Unit award), H. F. Rayl (yachting), Robert S. Oesch (Space - also Serebrakian best presentation award), Paul H. Sayles (Submarines - also Ship Unit award), Mrs. Virginia Gubler (Red Cross - also Medical Subjects Unit award), Henry Peterson (Fish - also Serebrakian most complete award), Werner J. Baum (Stamp Centenaries), Mrs. Ruth E. Hellard (Europa Space).

Information about other activities, services, benefits, and publications of the American Topical Association can be obtained free by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Karl L. Keldenich, 842 A North 21st St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53233. A sample copy Topical Time Journal and How To Collect Topicals book (a \$1 value) will be sent for 50¢ in stamps or coin.

Mrs. Helen del Solar, 247 Culver Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14607 can supply the following TOPEX 67 items: cachets 25¢ (3 for 50¢) and seals 5 for 25¢, plus self-addressed, stamped envelope).

Second Awards were presented to Lawrence De Mars (Jets), Otto Rosenwald (U.P.U.), Warren C. Stevens (Post Horns), Melvin J. Andres, M. D.

(Diseases), Geraldine H. Poriss (Statue of Liberty - also Americana Unit Award), Eugene N. Gillett (Birds), Merryl F. Sicherman (Music), Richard L. Bollin (Yellow Fever), Mrs. C. E. Humphrey (Bells).

Third awards went to: Margaret Ringle (Hammarskjold), Dorothy Smith (Scouting), W. S. Lawrence (Coat of Arms), Josephine Harper (Stamps of Prophecy), Mary Fields (Field of Pharmacy), R. L. Wilmot (Indians), Dan Pinkham (Scouts), James N. Alexander (Tennis), Masonic Award: R. A. Domingue. Junior Awards: 1st. John Farnsworth (Project Gemini, also Serebrakian Jr. award), 2nd. David Kirsh (Shells), 3rd. William E. Arthur II (Space).

A huge vote of thanks is in order for General Chairman Mrs. Dorothy Fordham Smith and her committee chairmen: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Morison, Dr. Helmut Zander, Norman P. Stevenson, James Papin, Jacob Legeer, Dr. Leslie Roll, Mrs. Louis Giambra, Warren Stevens, Mrs. Helen del Solar, Dr. George Joel, Mr. & Mrs. S. Clark Place, and Frank Balassa.

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